

THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

An Affiliate of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA)

PROSPECTUS

The Society is a professional organization dedicated to the development, dissemination, and application of both the scientific knowledge of, and the practical means for, radiation protection. The objective of the Society is the protection of people and the environment from unnecessary exposure to radiation. The Society is thus concerned with understanding, evaluating, and controlling the risks from radiation exposure relative to the benefits derived.

The activities of the Society are those appropriate to the accomplishment of the purpose and objective including: (1) promoting cooperation and communication among people engaged in radiation protection activities within particular geographic or functional areas and technical specialties through chapters and sections, (2) providing for the dissemination and exchange of information through scientific and professional meetings, education, and publications, (3) encouraging scientific, professional, and public education, (4) promoting scientific research, (5) encouraging and supporting the development and use of radiation protection standards and recommendations, and (6) pursuing other activities appropriate to radiation protection.

The Society has over 6,000 members in over 40 countries and has established over 40 chapters throughout the United States. The membership of the Society is divided into two general subdivisions to include (1) the Voting Member and (2) the Non-Voting Member. Classes of voting membership available are Plenary, Fellow, Emeritus and Life. Classes of non-voting membership are Associate, Student, and Affiliate. Voting members are also entitled to hold office in the Society. Dues are set each year by the Board of Directors. Application forms for membership are available from the Office of the Executive Secretary. All applications are to be submitted to the Office of The Executive Secretary.

The official publications of the Society include the journal, *HEALTH PHYSICS*, the *HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER*, and the *MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK*. The Society edits *HEALTH PHYSICS*, the official journal of the Health Physics Society, and the only journal devoted exclusively to the field of health physics. A monthly subscription to the Journal is included in the yearly membership dues. The Journal is available to non-members at moderate cost. The *NEWSLETTER* is issued monthly to all members, regardless of class. It regularly carries meeting notices, technical news, letters, book reviews, employment opportunities, and other communications from the Society. The Executive Secretary issues an official *MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK* to each member in the Fall. The *HANDBOOK* contains an alphabetical and geographical listing of all members, the Bylaws, and listing of the officers, committee members, chapters, certified health physicists, and certified radiation protection technologists.

The Society is affiliated with the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA), the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the National Academy of Science (NAS), and the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), and other societies and institutions. As an affiliate

of IRPA, the Society lends support to the promotion of health physics activities throughout the world. As the Secretariat for ANSI Main Committee N-13 (Radiation Protection), the HPS is provided with a mechanism to contribute toward a better environment through assisting in the development of national standards reflecting good practices.

The Society holds an Annual Meeting each calendar year. In addition, the Society co-sponsors Topical Symposia with one or more chapters of the Society. Information as to the time and place of these meetings is listed in the official publications or may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Secretary. At the meetings, papers on scientific endeavors of the members and other individuals are presented. The Elda E. Anderson Award is presented each year to an outstanding young member of the Society for excellence in research or development, discovery or invention, unusual judgment or heroism, teaching or training, devotion to health physics, or other contributions to the profession of health physics. Distinguished Achievement Awards recognize outstanding contributions of fundamental significance for the profession. Meritorious Performance Awards recognize members for exceptional, but primarily non-technical, contributions to the advancement of the Society or the field of radiation protection. Student Awards are presented to the five student papers judged most outstanding at the Annual Meeting.

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42nd	29 June-3 July 1997	San Antonio, TX
43rd	1998	Minneapolis, MN
44th	1999	Philadelphia, PA
45th	2000	Las Vegas, NV

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